



Image credit: Hand of God, 1992, stained glass, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Pickerington OH (The Father (in a trilogy of windows of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), is depicted by his gracious, powerful, victorious, and providential hand over a circle, no beginning and no end)

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Pastor Todd Layton

Peterborough United Methodist Church

Welcome! **If you are a first-time guest** please fill out our digital welcome card bit.ly/pumcwelcomecard.

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~Wiggling is appropriate & welcome.

Responsive parts in bold.

*Those able are invited to stand in praise.

PRELUDE

Organist

WELCOME

Pastor

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **God's mercy endures forever.**

~OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

**O God, you have made every thing
And you judge of all that you have made,
from the dust of the earth you have formed us
and from the dust of death you would raise us up.
By the redemptive power of the cross,
create in us clean hearts and a new spirit,
that we may repent of our sins
and lead lives worthy of your calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

~ANTHEM

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:16-21 Pew Bible NT p 6

Liturgist

And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

~THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

Pastor

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING *Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness*

Liturgist

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Liturgist

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

~*PRAYER OF DEDICATION UMC Discipleship.org

Liturgist

Redeeming God, we enter this holy season of Lent, repenting of our self-centeredness and our need to be affirmed by the people around us more than by our God and creator. We bring our gifts to you in the hope that they will be given and used in a way that is seen only by you and a joy that pleases your heart. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our savior and guide. Amen. (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21)

MESSAGE

Pastor

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

To make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now bow before our Creator and Redeemer.

~HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God verses 1,3,4 UMH 420

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES Pastor

CONFESSION AND PARDON Pastor

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES Pastor

Eternal God, you created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Pastor

You will need the following items in front of you before the service begins:

1. Medium bowl from your kitchen, fill the bowl halfway with fresh water.
2. One pen or pencil for each person
3. Lenten Kit for each participating member, containing:
 - a) Vial of palm ash and oil
 - b) Piece of water-soluble paper
 - c) Battery operated tea light

Please follow the steps below as they are read aloud and demonstrated:

1. Remove the items from the Lenten Kit and place them on a level surface in front of you.
2. Take the slip of paper and write down the sins or burdens you want God to take from you. When finished, keep them in your closed hand.
3. When directed, take the vial of ash and oil and shake it until the liquid turns black. Unscrew the top to the vial and extract some fluid onto your finger, then make the sign of the cross on your forehead or a family member's forehead.
4. Repeat the following: "I am dust, unto dust I shall return, repent and believe the Word."
5. Take the paper and place it into the bowl of water.
6. Turn on your individual tea lights.
7. Turn off the lights in the room.
8. Repeat the following: "Lord Have Mercy on us and remove these things from us, I ask in the name of Jesus, Amen."
9. Turn the room lights back on.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Pastor

May the eternal and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we turn from wickedness and live, accept your repentance, forgive your sins, and restore you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life. Amen.

The service will end in silence



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Pastor: Pastor Todd Layton
Liturgist: Andy Wallenstein
Organist: Gene Brochu
Production: Hiel Lindquist

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING:

**all times in Eastern Time*

Sun 11a **Worship service** online via YouTube or in-person
Tue-Thu 9a-12 **Office Hours**

UPCOMING

Apr 14 7p **Maundy Thursday** in-person and online
Apr 15 4:30p **Good Friday Prayer Walk** @ Marlow UMC
Apr 17 11a **Easter Sunday** worship in-person and online

EVENTS:

**all times in Eastern Time*

Sunday Worship 11 am

in-person, 43 Concord St, Peterborough
streaming on YouTube <http://bit.ly/joinpumcyoutube>
posted online bit.ly/pumcworshipvideo

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Children's Bulletins bit.ly/pumckidsbulletin

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Welcome!

Join us online or in-person at 11 am ET on Sunday

We are delighted to welcome you to our service.

Please be aware the ambient mic will pick up on conversations in the sanctuary.

If you use a hearing aid with bluetooth (or headphones) you can connect directly to our audio with the Listen Everywhere app on your smartphone.

If you would like a headset please see an usher.

If you are new to PUMC and want us to have your contact info go to bit.ly/pumcwelcomecard.

We have a weekly email and a monthly newsletter. You can sign up on our web site. bit.ly/subscribepumc.

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FOOD OFFERING:

For the foreseeable future, drop off food offerings at the church. There is a large deck bin at the side entrance of the church (bottom of the ramp) with a sign. Just drop your bag of pantry goods in the bin and make sure the lid is closed tightly. Our next congregational offering will be delivered to **The Helping Hand Food Pantry in Troy.**

SEND US YOUR JOYS:

We are looking for photos or videos of your joys. Joy files should be either .jpg images or .mp4 video. Send joys to pumclivestream@gmail.com.